

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2. 23-32

OT Pg: 881

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 16-18 NT Pg: 229

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18. 9-14

NT Pg: 87

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

News

An update on the situation within the United Benefice of St Martin's, St Mary's and St Barnabas. The Revd Derek Tighe, resigned as of 31 August and the parishes are therefore in vacancy. Our Bishop wishes the three parishes to consider the future relationships with neighbouring parishes in order to better serve the needs of the people in the area. To provide time and space for this and after consulting the two PCCs, the Bishop is in the process of suspending the Benefice of Dorking with Ranmore for a period of up to five years. We have representation on the Archdeacon of Dorking's working party to consider options for ministry which will then be put out for consultation and we will of course keep you all updated on our progress. Parish life and worship will continue largely as before thanks to the generous support from our other clergy and LLMs. Nick Hands-Clarke & Canon Peter Bruinvels.

Reminder: Lighting Works at St Martin's Church. Our lighting project has now started. The main body of the church is closed during the week, however the Lady Chapel will be open (use the South side door along from the main entrance) for private prayer and for the 11am Wednesday Holy Communion services. The main body of the church will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, for services and concerts to take place as normal. The works will be completed by 25th November. Please take note of any cordons in place within the church. Opening and closing times remain the same 9.30-4pm every day. Thank you.

There will be a short service of prayer for Christian healing led by the Chaplain of the Dorking Christian Centre in the Small Hall at 11am on Tuesday 25th October. This is a gentle and comforting service and there will be opportunities to bring a note of names of people struggling in any way that they can be brought before God. All are warmly welcome to attend. This service has been arranged following consultation with St Martin's Church pastoral committee.

Bible Study Group in the Lounge at Canterbury Court on Wednesday 26th October 7pm. We will be studying John's Gospel. All welcome!

Remembering with Thanksgiving Service on 30th October at 2.45pm. The name(s) of loved ones can be added to the book and will be read out at the service. The book is in the Lady Chapel. If you would like, please bring along a single flower on the day to add to a flower arrangement.

Mothers' Union are collecting items for the Women's Refuges they support. If you would like a list of what is needed, please contact Veronica (640775).

Dorking Area Foodbank. We are extremely grateful for all donations we receive. It would help us greatly if donations are checked first to make sure they are suitable for us to use (e.g. in date/non-perishable). This week we would like to receive: Jars of jam, 1L cartons of fruit juice, Shampoo, Children's toothbrushes, Bars of chocolate and Feminine hygiene pads.

Please send "News and Notices" for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet to: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. If received by the close of business on Wednesday it will be included in the next issue.

Church of England Daily Hope. A free phone line with hymns, songs of the faith, weekly church service, morning and evening prayers, Mothers' Union prayers, prayers for Ukraine and chair exercises: 0800 804 8044.

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For more information on events or for the Who's Who page, please see the back page of the St Martin's Parish Magazine.

Please remember in your prayers:

John Chapman, Sandra Lowry, Chris Elsey, Isobel and Renate MacLennan and their brother Peter, Michael Light, Patricia Smith, Peter Greene, Mimi Baines.

Please pray for those who have died:

Audrey Timmins, Tess Brookman.

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are prayed for regularly.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.

Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for: The Community Fridge.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In October we pray for Epsom and Leatherhead deaneries.

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Welcome, particularly if you are new or just visiting, it is lovely to have you with us today and do join us for a coffee after the service.

**Sunday 23rd
October
Last after Trinity**



St Martin's

Sunday 23rd October

Holy Communion @ 10am

Wednesday 26th October

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 30th October

Holy Communion @ 10am

Remembering with Thanksgiving @ 2.45pm

St Mary's

Sunday 23rd October

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

Sunday 30th October

Benefice Service at St Martin's

St Barnabas

Sunday 23rd October

Matins @ 11am

Sunday 30th October

Benefice Service at St Martin's

Remembering with Thanksgiving @ 4pm

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.